

HOUSE BILL 1720

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, relative to conduct of students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 43, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

49-6-4303.

(a) No arrest warrant shall be issued or criminal charges pressed against a student for actions taken on school grounds or within any school building or structure, except for the following:

(1) Unauthorized possession on school property of a firearm as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 921;

(2) Battery upon a teacher, principal, administrator, any other employee of an LEA, or school resource officer;

(3) Unlawful possession of any drug, including any controlled substance as defined in §§ 39-17-403 - 39-17-415, or legend drug as defined by § 53-10-101;

(4) Making a bomb threat against school property; or

(5) Vandalism or assault and battery endangering life, health, or safety as provided by § 49-6-4301.

(b) Nothing in this section shall prevent any disciplinary action being taken by a school or LEA for actions taken by a student.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.